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ANNUAL REPORT

(INTERIM)

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

*For the Year 1944.*

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To:—

**The Chairman and Members of the  
DERWENT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

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The Minister of Health has intimated that a short Interim Report only should be prepared for the year 1944.

W. BERTRAM HILL,  
Medical Officer of Health.

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**INFECTIOUS DISEASE.**

		Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis
Average for 5 years (1934—1938)		.... 8	17	2.7	.5
1939	....	.... 10	33	3	—
1940	....	.... 10	15	3	3
1941	....	.... 10	22	1	—
1942	....	.... 8	8	1	—
1943	....	.... 3	15	4	1.
1944	....	.... 6	27	3	1.

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**TUBERCULOSIS.**

Average Notifications				Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
(1934—1938)		....	....	9	3.7
1939	....	....	....	4	2
1940	....	....	....	9	6
1941	....	....	....	4	4
1942	....	....	....	7	4
1943	....	....	....	7	3
1944	....	....	....	5	4

## CASE RATE PER 1,000 LIVING OF ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

				England and Wales.	Derwent Rural District.
Typhoid Fever	....	....	....	.01	.00
Cerebro-Spinal Fever		....	....	.05	.08
Scarlet Fever	....	....	....	2.40	2.2
Whooping Cough	....	....	....	2.49	.98
Diphtheria	....	....	....	.58	.49
Erysipelas	....	....	....	.29	.24
Small-pox	....	....	....	.00	.00
Measles	....	....	....	4.16	.24
Pneumonia	....	....	....	.97	.73

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### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

It is estimated that 60% of the Children under 5 and 80% between 5 and 15 years have been immunised.

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### DISINFESTATION.

The Council has provided facilities for the treatment of Scabies, etc. at their Dépôt in Barlby. Sessions are held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

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### WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply of the District is obtained from

- (a) A neighbouring Local Authority.
- (b) A private Water Company.
- (c) and to 60 houses from a Deep Box Well situate on a private Estate.

The water supplied by the Local Authority and the private Water Company is chlorinated.

76.2% of the houses in the District are connected to the mains and the supply is constant.

## GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME.

The number of Children remaining in the District at the end of the year was:—

1. Unaccompanied Children	....	....	134
2. Accompanied Children	....	....	125
3. Children in Sick Bay	....	....	13
4. Mothers	....	....	66
5. Teachers	....	....	3
6. Helpers	....	....	1
7. Other Adults	....	....	16
			—
			358
			—

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Population—12170 (Mid-year 1944).

		Derwent Rural District.	England and Wales.
Death Rate	....	10.10 per 1,000	.... 11.6
Birth Rate	....	17.7 „	.... 17.6
Infantile Mortality Rate	....	37.0 „	.... 46.0
(i.e., Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Births).			
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	....	.08 „	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		.16 „	
Cancer Death Rate	....	1.9 „	
Respiratory Death Rate	....	1.2 „	
Zymotic Death Rate	....	.00 „	

## HOUSING.

The District Council has formulated a building scheme to be carried out in the first of the post-war years as follows:—

Parish			Slum Clearance	Agricultural Houses
Barlby	....	....	—	6
Elvington	....	....	9	4
Fulford	....	....	19	10
Heslington	....	....	19	8
Naburn	....	....	—	3
North Duffield	....	....	—	2
Skipwith	....	....	2	—
Thorganby	....	....	5	—
Wheldrake	....	....	—	2
			—	—
			54	35

During the War six houses for agricultural workers have been built under the ægis of the Ministry of Agriculture as follows:—

Parish of Wheldrake—	2
„ Kelfield—	2
„ North Duffield—	2

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### HOUSING SURVEY.

A Survey of the housing conditions in this Area is being undertaken in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Report on Rural Housing issued by the Ministry of Health.

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### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council has obtained the services of a consulting engineer who has prepared a Report on the sewerage arrangements in each of the Parishes constituting the Rural District.

A scheme for the installation of adequate sewerage works in the parishes of Elvington and Dunnington has been prepared and application has been made to the County Council for a grant towards the cost of the proposed work.

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## DERWENT RURAL DISTRICT.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1944.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED								TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.
	At all Ages.	At all Ages—Years.							
		Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	
Small-pox ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera (C) Plague (P) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	6	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	3
Erysipelas ... ..	23	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	7	...	3	23	...	1	...	...	24
Typhus Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Relapsing Fever (R) Continued Fever (C)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Poliomyelitis ... ..	1	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	5	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	4	...	2	...	2	..	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	3	1	2	..	...	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia ... ..	9	...	1	2	1	1	2	2	1
Influenzal Pneumonia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ... ..	12	1	8	3	...	...	...	...	...
Trench Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Polio Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	73	3	18	29	8	8	5	2	29

